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Situation at Key West.

Quarantine at Key West was maintained until the 8th instant when it was raised by the State health officer. No new cases of suspected yellow fever had been reported during the two weeks previous. The marines, among whom the disease appeared and was confined, have been removed north, only the sick remaining in camp.

Yellow fever in Mississippi.

The suspicious cases at Orwood referred to in the last number of the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS have been confirmed as yellow fever. The origin of the disease has been traced to Taylor, a town on the Illinois Central Railroad, where 5 cases developed about July 20, 1898; 2 of these moved to Orwood, where 35 cases of the disease had occurred up to the 4th instant; no deaths. These cases are reported to have been mild, like those of last year on the Mississippi coast. All necessary precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease, including the tracing of persons who have left the infected district after exposure.

Surgeon Carter and Passed Assistant Surgeon Cobb are cooperating with the officers of the Mississippi State board of health at Taylor and Orwood, and Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimpson is at Holly Springs in charge of train inspection on Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham Railroad, with Acting Assistant Surgeons Frick and Landry aiding in the work. Passed Assistant Surgeon McIntosh is awaiting orders at Grand Junction. Surgeon Carter wires from Taylor, September 7, "Three new cases here; Orwood not heard from. Will finish census and house-to-house inspection here to-morrow. All visiting between houses ordered stopped. Seven houses here have, or have had fever."

Situation at Fort Point, Tex.

Passed Assistant Surgeon J. M. Eager, Marine Hospital Service, under date of September 6, states that all the suspicious cases of sickness at Fort Point previously reported have recovered; that the quarantine of the State of Texas against Galveston was raised on the 29th ultimo, while that against Fort Point is still maintained, and no other cases of sickness in which there is suspicion of yellow fever have occurred in Galveston or elsewhere in Texas.

[Reports to the Supervising Surgeon-General, United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Transportation of dead bodies—Circular letter addressed to State health officers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 24, 1898.

SIR: I have to respectfully request that you will furnish this Bureau with a copy of the laws and regulations governing the admission to and